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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TREASURER, SELECTMEN, AUDITOR,
AND
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF BOSCAWEN,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1877.

CONCORD:
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1877.

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REPORT.

Sums of Money raised by taxation in 1876.

State tax,	\$1,748.00
County tax,	1,491.74
For town expenses,	500.00
School tax,	1,529.50
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	\$5,269.24

Statement of account with Collector of Taxes.

1876.

May.	Total amount of taxes committed to Geo. M. Dudley for collection,	\$6,847.40
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1877.

Feb. 28.	Total amount received of him in cash, dis- counts and abatements,	4,922.93
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	Balance due,	\$1,924.47

Report of the Treasurer of the Town of Boscawen from March, 1876, to March, 1877.

The Treasurer charges himself with the following receipts :

1876.

Mar. 20.	To received of N. Butler, former treasurer,	\$299.92
May. 6.	cash received of J. P. Hubbard on his collection of taxes of 1875,	500.00
June 5.	of G. M. Dudley on his col- lection of taxes of 1876,	120.00
17.	of J. B. Hubbard on his collection of taxes of 1875,	300.00
23.	of G. M. Dudley on his col- lection of taxes of 1876,	250.00
28.	of G. M. Dudley on his col- lection of taxes of 1876,	170.00

June 29.	To cash received of G. M. Dudley on his collection of taxes of 1876,	400.00
July 1.	of G. M. Dudley on his collection of taxes of 1876,	1,400.00
	of G. M. Dudley on his collection of taxes of 1876,	400.00
	of G. M. Dudley on his collection of taxes of 1876,	405.00
	for \$1000 state bond sold,	1,000.00
	for interest on state bonds,	108.00
	of G. M. Dudley on his collection of taxes of 1876,	526.70
11.	for premium on \$1000 bond sold,	98.75
Sept. 5.	for \$1000 state bond sold,	1,000.00
22.	for premium and interest on bond sold,	114.92
Nov. 1.	of Penacook savings bank,	400.00
6.	of J. P. Hubbard on his collection of taxes of 1875,	22.00
10.	of state treasurer:	
	Savings bank tax,	1,274.44
	Railroad tax,	586.00
	Literary fund,	104.40
Dec. 27.	of G. M. Dudley on his collection of taxes of 1876,	280.00
	of G. M. Dudley on his collection of taxes of 1876,	144.29
1877.		
Jan. 16.	of Penacook savings bank,	500.00
24.	of G. M. Dudley on his collection of taxes of 1876,	125.00
Feb. 10.	of county for support of paupers,	897.13
	of G. M. Dudley on his collection of taxes of 1876,	175.00
24.	of G. M. Dudley on his collection of taxes of 1876,	100.00

Feb. 24.	To cash received of John Clement on note,	230.00
	of Susan Clement on note,	50.00
26.	of school district No. 7, Boscawen, on note,	175.00
27.	T. B. Raymond for wood, of J. P. Hubbard on his col- lection of taxes of 1874, of J. P. Hubbard on his col- lection of taxes of 1874, of J. P. Hubbard on his col- lection of taxes of 1874,	4.50 71.41 200.00 48.36
28.	of John Chadwick on his collection of taxes of 1866, of G. M. Dudley on his col- lection of taxes of 1876, of G. M. Dudley on his col- lection of taxes of 1876,	145.48 210.28 216.71
		<hr/> \$13,053.24

The Treasurer discharges himself by payments made
as follows, to wit :

On orders drawn by selectmen for 1876-7, num-
bered from 1 to 168 inclusive, from March 20th, 1876,
to February 28th, 1877, inclusive,

\$12,974.88

Balance in the hands of the treasurer,

\$78.36

C. M. ROLFE, Town Treasurer.

Boscawen, Feb'y 28, 1877.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.

Miscellaneous Bills.

1876.	Paid by order on the Treasurer:	
March 29.	B. W. Sanborn & Co., books, &c.,	\$7.73
	I. K. Gage, water-trough for 1875,	3.00
	Republican Press Association, for reports for 1875-6,	36.00
April 8.	E. C. Morse, for digging graves,	8.00
19.	B. W. Sanborn & Co., stationery,	3.00
26.	B. W. Sanborn & Co., " "	1.36
	S. G. Noyes, stationery,	3.75
June 17.	Precinct committee, dist. No. 7,	700.00
27.	E. C. Morse, for digging graves,	8.00
30.	Committee for celebration, July 4th,	300.00
July 19.	H. C. Briggs, engine repairs,	13.15
	E. E. Graves, return of births and deaths,	9.00
30.	H. C. Adams, for copying,	10.00
Oct. 11.	E. C. Morse, for digging graves,	12.00
Nov. 6.	N. S. Webster,	1.50
22.	J. W. Roby, digging graves,	2.00
27.	George Neller,	11.69
Dec. 4.	John E. Rines, brick for engine-house,	5.00
26.	N. Butler, legal services,	2.50
27.	H. Bonney, selectmen's expenses,	17.00
28.	Hammond & Ayers, lamps for town-hall,	5.00
	Precinct committee, dist. No. 7,	55.83
1877.		
Jan. 1.	Precinct committee, dist. No. 7,	32.04
	J. W. Roby, digging graves,	2.00
	Lewis A. Rice, damage to wagon,	2.25
	Precinct committee, dist. No. 7,	75.00

Feb. 8.	Paid C. & J. C. Gage, for plank,	7.92
	Engine company pay-roll,	250.00
17.	S. G. Noyes, for printing,	2.00
21.	N. S. Webster, water-trough,	3.00
22.	Joseph Chandler, for school-books for poor,	5.59
23.	C. C. Pearson & Co., printing,	10.00
24.	W. P. Abbott, sheep killed by dogs,	10.00
	L. M. Chadwick, sheep killed by dogs,	3.00
	Wm. B. Burpee, sheep killed by dogs,	2.50
	H. L. Ferrin, sheep killed by dogs,	15.00
	R. S. Pritchard, digging graves,	2.00
26.	I. K. Gage, for water-trough,	3.00
	J. H. Gill, care of town-hall, &c.,	4.67
	C. C. Coffin,	300.00
27.	John E. Rines, for damage to wagon,	2.50
28.	S. G. Noyes, for blanks,	1.50
	C. M. & A. W. Rolfe, for glass,	.25
	Richard Pevare, for water-trough,	3.00
	G. M. Dudley, discount on taxes, prior to July 1, 1876,	193.25
	Fernando George, digging graves,	2.00
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		\$2,147.98

Roads and Bridges.

1876.

Mar. 29.	Paid Granite Railway Co., for stone in 1872, 1875,	\$17.75
	Geo. F. Sanborn, drawing stone,	7.50
April 8.	N. S. Webster, for work on road,	9.91
11.	“ “ “	3.45
June 10.	J. C. Chadwick, for lumber,	12.16
17.	Gage, Porter & Co., for cement and nails,	11.90
23.	J. C. Chadwick, for labor on the road in 1873,	4.25
	Marcus K. Howser, for work on the road in 1875,	10 20
30.	William B. Burpee, for breaking roads,	1.30
	Geo. L. Pillsbury, for work on the road and lumber,	19.63

July 8.	■Paid C. & J. C. Gage, for lumber,	113.60
Sept. 23.	Isaac K. Gage, for plank, stone and grates, .	78.12
Nov. 2.	C. W. Carter, for nails,	2.25
4.	John Abbott, for plank,	16.08
6.	N. S. Webster, for work on road,	14.53
6.	G. H. Carter, grade for streets,	22.00
13.	Geo. L. Pillsbury, for plank,	35.95
26.	J. P. Rowe, for stone,	31.00
1877.		
Jan. 3.	Gust Walker, for drainpipe and lantern,	25.66
8.	Foote & Gage, for lamp chimneys,	.72
31.	Foote & Gage, for nails,	3.20
Feb. 1.	C. W. Carter, "	1.34
	C. W. Garter,	.81
8.	C. & J. C. Gage, for lumber, &c.,	183.13
17.	Joseph Crowell, work on road,	5.25
	J. G. Meder, for scraper,	5.83
	C. C. Hall, for work on road and lumber,	10.33
	G. H. Gitchell, for work on road,	12.41
	James Connor, " "	4.50
21.	James W. Roby, " "	4.25
	John F. Colby, " "	2.00
24.	B. F. Griffin, " "	3.89
	B. Atkinson & sons, "	12.00
	Henry L. Ferrin, " "	8.00
	Joseph Chase, " "	1.00
	Henry L. Ferrin, damage to field by travel, two years,	8.00
	M. J. Raymond, for damage caused by defective sewer,	25.00
26.	J. Rolfe, for work on road,	5.00
	L. C. & G. W. Whitney, for work on road,	3.29
	Wm. C. Marden,	4.50
	Gage, Porter & Co., for cement and nails,	10.39
	Folsom Brothers, work on road,	2.00
	Geo. L. Pillsbury, " "	1.00
	Precinct committee, lighting bridge,	38.82

Feb. 27.	Paid J. Rolfe, work on road,	1.85
	J. H. Flanders, for work on road, 1872,	7.00
	G. S. Rowell, " "	10.00
	Geo. M. Dudley, " "	1.50
	Calvin Roberts, " "	1.50
	J. K. Chandler, " "	4.50
	J. E. Rines, " "	3.00
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		\$823.25

Support of Paupers.

1876.

April 1.	Paid W. C. Marden for board of Mrs. Scribner,	\$9.00
May 9.	W. C. Marden, " " "	5.00
11.	Brown & Foote for aid to family of Michael Florence,	30.00
13.	Foote & Gage for aid to family of John Heath,	5.00
	Foote & Gage for aid to family of Kate Johnson,	21.25
	Foote & Gage for aid to family of Michael Florence,	26.00
	C. W. Carter for aid to E. B. Gitchell,	19.49
	C. W. Carter for aid to family of E. F. Tewksbury,	24.60
17.	I. K. Gage for wood and rent to Kate Johnson,	45.00
30.	E. E. Graves, medical services for paupers,	55.00
	Nathan Colby, support of Edward Gage,	30.00
July 25.	J. H. Heep, board of Walter Sissons,	10.00
Aug. 14.	C. W. Carter, aid to family of E. F. Tewksbury,	30.14
	C. W. Carter, aid to family of E. B. Gitchell,	22.79
15.	Wm. C. Marden, board of Mrs. Scribner,	12.00
Sep. 13.	Foote & Gage, aid to family of Kate Johnson,	17.00
13.	Foote & Gage for aid to Walter Sissons,	15.00
Oct. 3.	James Heep, board of Walter Sissons,	20.00

Oct. 28.	Paid W. C. Marden, board of Mrs. Scribner,	13.00
Nov. 2.	C. W. Carter, aid to family of E. F. Tewksbury,	31.45
	C. W. Carter, aid to family of E. B. Gitchell,	19.49
Dec. 4.	John E. Rines, wood for E. B. Gitchell,	24.75
	James H. Heep, board of Walter Sissons,	15.00
20.	W. C. Marden, board of Mrs. Scribner,	9.00
26.	M. Bickford, aid for May Pierce,	2.00
30.	J. P. Saunders, aid for family of Kate Johnson,	11.75
1877.		
Jan. 6.	E. G. Wood, aid to tramps,	2.25
16.	J. A. Coburn, coffin for M. Florence,	14.00
	J. A. Coburn, coffin for E. A. Gage,	17.00
	Foote & Gage, support of family of Kate Johnson,	42.58
	Henry Bushway,	22.00
	Foote & Gage, aid to tramps,	1.08
31.	James Heep, board of Walter Sissons,	14.28
	I. K. Gage, wood and rent for Kate Johnson,	52.50
	Timothy Haynes, medical attendance on paupers,	10.00
	Foote & Gage, goods for Henry Bushway,	11.00
	Kate Johnson,	6.00
	S. M. Emery, medical attendance for	
	Mrs. Tatro,	4.50
	E. A. Gage,	4.50
	Kate Johnson,	6.50
	Henry Bushway,	16.25
	C. & J. C. Gage, aid for M. Florence,	2.50
	John Tatro,	2.50
	Julia Donahoe,	.45
	Henry Bushway,	15.00
	Russell Reynolds,	6.65
	M. F. Bickford, aid to H. Bushway,	1.50
	A. G. Kimball, aid to M. Florence,	5.00
	Aphia Thurston,	26.00
	E. E. Graves, medical attendance on family	
	E. F. Tewksbury,	4.00

Feb. 1.	Paid James Heep, board of Walter Sissons,	12 50
	C. W. Carter, goods for E. B. Gitchell,	31.48
	E. F. Tewksbury,	26.23
	John E. Rines, wood for E. B. Gitchell,	13.50
	John Seavey, aid for E. B. Gitchell,	5.97
	C. C. Hall, wood for E. F. Tewksbury,	4.00
	W. C. Marden, for board of Mrs. Scribner,	4.00
24.	A. G. Kimball, aid for tramps,	29.10
26.	I. K. Gage, expenses in pauper case,	2.50
	David E. Jones, aid to tramps,	6.50
	C. C. Hall, “	.80
	S. A. Ambrose, “	3.67
28.	H. L. Fellows, “	1.00
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		\$953.00

Schools and School-Houses.

1876.

June 15.	Paid J. Chandler, prud. com. dist. No. 7,	\$75.00
22.	Geo. C. Hale, “ “ 2,	35.00
23.	Hollis Towne, “ “ 5,	50.00
24.	G. W. Fisher, “ “ 6,	50.00
July 3.	H. C. Adams, “ “ 3,	90.00
	John F. Colby, “ “ 4,	50.00
6.	H. P. Gill, “ “ 1,	125.00
11.	H. P. Gill, agent, “ “ 1,	400.00
Nov. 2.	J. Chandler, prud. com. “ “ 7,	300.00
9.	Hollis Towne, “ “ 5,	65.00

1877.

Jan. 4.	J. F. Colby, “ “ 4,	50.00
	Geo. C. Hale, “ “ 2,	50.00
26.	H. C. Adams, “ “ 3,	110.00
Feb. 6.	Geo. W. Fisher, “ “ 6,	55.00
7.	H. P. Gill, “ “ 1,	145.00
21.	J. Chandler, “ “ 7,	300.00
26.	J. Chandler, “ “ 7,	300.00

\$2,250.00

Payment of Bonds, Coupons, and Interest.

1876.

July	—.	Paid Samuel Choate, bonds,	\$500.00
		John Sanborn, “	400.00
		C. C. Hall, “	500.00
		I. N. Sawyer, “	500.00
		S. K. Choate, “	100.00
		coupons of \$9000 of bonds at 12 per	
		cent. premium,	604.80

1877.

Feb.	20.	Penacook Savings Bank, interest,	28.65
	28.	Penacook Savings Bank, “	14.48
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			\$2,647.93

State and County Taxes.

1876.

Sept.	5.	Paid county tax,	\$1,491.74
Nov.	10.	state tax,	1,748.00
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			\$3,239.74

Abatements of Taxes.

1876.

Feb.	28.	Paid J. P. Hubbard, collector, list of 1874,	\$71.41
		J. P. Hubbard, “ “ 1875,	29.68
		John Chadwick, “ “ 1866,	28.16
		John Chadwick, “ “ 1867,	112.33
		Geo. M. Dudle., “ “ 1876,	23.46
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			\$265.04

Non-resident Highway Taxes Worked Out.

1876.

June	30.	Paid William B. Burpee, for sundry persons,	\$15.76
		George H. Gitchell, “ “	11.37
		Joseph Crowell, “ “	18.50
Sept.	2.	Hollis Towne, “ “	11.88
Nov.	14.	Royal Choate, Jr., “ “	20.00
		William C. Marden, “ “	2.75

Nov. 25.	Paid William Burpee, for sundry persons,	6.25
1877.		
Jan. 2.	B. F. Griffin, " "	3.88
Feb. 17.	William B. Burpee, " "	7.25
24.	Henry L. Ferrin, " "	16.75
	Jeremiah Rolfe, on list of 1875,	18.68
	Royal Choate, Jr., " 1876,	5.12
28.	W. C. Marden, " "	2.50
	B. F. Griffin, " "	2.00
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		\$142.69

Town Officers.

1876.		
April 15.	C. E. Chadwick, town clerk,	\$5.00
June 20.	M. K. Howser, services as selectman in 1875,	7.00
Dec. 26.	N. Butler, " " etc., 1876,	6.25
1877.		
Feb. 17.	J. G. Eastman, " " "	4.00
24.	A. G. Kimball, " " "	4.00
	A. G. Kimball, police officer, 1876,	10.00
26.	J. A. Freeman, supt. school committee, 1876,	55.00
	M. D. Bisbee, " "	20.00
27.	Geo. A. Morse, town clerk,	50.00
28.	C. M. Rolfe, town treasurer,	25.00
	J. C. Gage, selectman and overseer of poor,	98.00
	C. C. Hall, " " "	54.00
	E. G. Wood, " " "	77.00
	Geo. M. Dudley, collector of taxes,	80.00
	Geo. M. Dudley, police officer,	10.00
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		\$505.25

RECAPITULATION.

Miscellaneous bills,	\$2,147.98
Roads and bridges,	823.25
Support of paupers,	953.00
Schools and school-houses,	2,250.00
Bonds, coupons and interest,	2,647.93
State and county taxes,	3,239.74

Abatement of taxes,	265.04
Non-resident highway taxes worked out,	142.69
Town officers,	505.25
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	\$12,974.88

Town Liabilities.

Debt of town, March 1, 1877, in bonds,	\$7,000.00
Interest on bonds, to March 1, 1877,	200.00
Due Penacook Savings Bank,	900.00
Due school dist. No. 7,	175.00
Due sundry persons on notes,	280.00
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	\$8,555.00

Assets.

State bonds on hand,	\$1,600.00
Accrued interest,	64.00
Due on J. P. Hubbard's collection for 1871,	112.05
J. P. Hubbard's " 1874,	62.97
J. P. Hubbard's " 1875,	526.87
Geo. M. Dudley's " 1876,	1,924.47
Balance in the hands of the treasurer,	78.36
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	\$4,368.72
 Liabilities,	 \$8,555.00
Assets,	4,368.72
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Balance against the town,	\$4,186.28

J. C. GAGE,	} <i>Selectmen and</i>
E. G. WOOD,	
C. C. HALL,	
	<i>Overseers of the</i>
	<i>Poor of Boscawen.</i>

The undersigned, auditor of the accounts of the treasurer and selectmen of the town of Boscawen for the year 1876-7, reports that he has examined said accounts, and finds the receipts to have been from March 1, 1876, to March 1, 1877, \$13,053.24, and the disbursements to have been \$12,974.88, the accounts of which are properly vouched and correctly cast, leaving a balance in the hands of the treasurer of \$78.36.

ISAAC K. GAGE. Auditor.

Annual Report of the School Committee.

FELLOW-CITIZENS :

Your committee has pleasure in reporting that the schools of the town, over which he has had supervision, have, on the whole, been successful.

Both Miss Putney and Mr. Abbott, in No. 1, did excellent work.

Your committee would be glad to make some proposition in regard to No. 2, but can see no way in which to mend matters. It will be noticed that in the summer term there were only two scholars in school. In winter there were six. Cannot this district and No. 6 be united? Miss Flanders, I think, would teach a good school if she had a school to teach. Miss Pillsbury did very well indeed in the winter.

The schools in No. 3 were quite successful; Mr. Calley especially being very much liked.

In No. 4, the summer term, taught by Miss Morrison, was a success; the winter term, taught by Miss Lowd, was not a success. A teacher must be at the *head* of a school, and *teach* it, if good work is to be done.

In No. 5, Miss Gill seemed to give general satisfaction.

In No. 6, the summer term was not so successful as might have been wished. There is no school so small that a teacher should relax discipline. Small scholars should be taught, first of all, their places. Miss Coffin, in the winter term, was very careful, and taught an excellent school.

There are many improvements that might be made. The time of your teachers is wasted because there is no uniformity in regard to books. The rooms are miserably furnished.

The schoolroom in No. 3 is the only really comfortable schoolroom in the districts named. Your committee would impress what is so often said to those who hire teachers : be careful whom you hire ; do not hire your relatives if you can help it. The superintending committee does not wish to reject those who are sent to be examined ; yet he ought not to give a certificate to an unqualified person. The difficulty is, that, in many quarters, school matters are thought to be of little consequence.

Your committee would urge parents to greater zeal and care in regard to our schools.

J. A. FREEMAN,

Superintending School Committee.

Boscawen, N. H., Feb. 22, 1877.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICT.	TERMS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of weeks.		No. scholars.		Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	Composition.	History.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	No. abs't bet'n 4 and 14.
			No.	Weeks.	No.	Weeks.											
No. 1...	Summer ..	Miss Helen M. Putney.....	10	23	23	23	23	10	13	8	3	...	...	...	...	...	3
	Winter....	Mr. Warren Abbott.....	11	30	30	30	7	21	9	9	20	...	...	...	...	3	...
No. 2...	Summer ..	Miss Addie L. Flanders ...	7	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Winter....	Miss A. G. Pillsbury.....	10	6	6	6	6	6	2	...	6	3	...	...	...	...	...
No. 3...	Summer ..	Miss Gustie J. Stone.....	9	15	15	14	12	11	8	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Winter....	Mr. George H. Calley.....	10	15	15	15	12	15	11	5	...	...	2	...	...	...	5
No. 4...	Summer ..	Miss Nettie M. Morrison...	9	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Winter....	Miss Vina J. Lowd.....	9	6	6	6	3	6	3	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
No. 5...	Summer ..	Miss Esther D. Gill.....	8	17	16	16	9	11	7	9	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
	Fall.....	Miss Esther D. Gill.....	10	16	16	16	9	11	9	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
No. 6...	Summer ..	Miss Cora E. Putney.....	8	12	12	12	6	7	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Winter....	Miss Sarah E. Coffin.....	10	15	15	15	7	11	7	5	...	...	...	...	2	...	...

Report of District No. 7.

Your committee has the pleasing duty of presenting a very favorable report. The schools in this district, for the past year, have both been highly satisfactory. Little more needs to be said, and little better could be said, than that both schools commenced the year as they closed the preceding one, and have gone steadily forward. This is the natural result of continuing the services of former successful teachers. The importance of this cannot be over-estimated. Miss Stone has now completed her seventeenth term in the primary department, and strict, but sympathetic discipline, prompt obedience, and intelligent progress in study, have come to be looked upon as matters of course. It is sufficient praise to say that she fully sustained her previous reputation.

The grammar school, under Mr. Emery, has continued to show the results of faithful, conscientious teaching, leaving little to be desired. The district is to be congratulated in possessing the services of two such competent teachers. It is most earnestly hoped that they will be retained as long as possible.

Your committee has heard some complaints concerning the change in text-books, but is gratified that he has heard so little. It is earnestly hoped that all facilities which will add to the efficiency of our schools will be generously provided. Any other course is false economy. A wise manufacturer never makes his workmen use poor or worn-out machinery. There should be, at least, equal wisdom shown in the more important matter of the education of our children. The added interest and intelligence in the study

of geography which has been gained by the use of the globe which the scholars themselves purchased last year, is a happy illustration of this.

Your committee would recommend that some method of ventilation for the schoolrooms, other than now exists, be provided. Pure air is essential to clear heads, and there should be some safer way to get it than by raising the windows. Window-shutters would also add greatly to the comfort of the scholars.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. BISBEE,
School Committee.

Fisherville, Feb. 27, 1877.

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